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Summer Employment Can Provide Valuable Experience to Younger Workers

(Temple) – The Temple Parks and Leisure Services Department has a need for good summer workers. "We are looking to fill about 70 positions this summer," said Recreation Superintendent Chuck Ramm. "These jobs offer valuable work experience as well as a source of income."

The beauty of these summer positions with Parks and Leisure Services is that they do not require a wealth of previous experience. "We prefer applicants who have experience working with kids, but the great thing about our camps is that we offer all of the training you need," said Robert "Peanut" Henderson. "We will teach you everything you need to know to be a counselor, lifeguard, cashier or role model for our summer camp participants. The only thing we ask is that you have a willingness to learn and have a great time. When our counselors leave at the end of the summer they will be certified in fun activities such as canoeing and archery."

Summer camps offer a great opportunity for those that enjoy working with kids. "The employees that I am looking for are energetic, creative, and enjoy working as a team," said Henderson. "Working with children can be challenging, but it is definitely a very rewarding experience."

Camp counselors will also find themselves assigned to a wide variety of camps, based on their preferences, passions, and skills. "We have so many camps now that it offers a great opportunity for us to really match individual talents and personalities with their ideal camp," said Henderson. "If you are artsy, we have an arts and craft camp. If you are really into the outdoors, we have our awesome adventure camp. Maybe you are into fitness or athletics, then you may want to work at the Summit or one of our sports camps."

"If you are looking for a job that is both fun and challenging, then lifeguarding might be for you," said Aquatics Coordinator Keith Dawson. "What I'm looking for in a potential guard is someone who is responsible, looking to be a team player and has really good people skills."

Lifeguards and other positions are needed at four locations over the summer season: Lions Junction Family Water Park, Walker Pool, Clark Pool, and the pool at the Summit Family Fitness Center.

"Certain positions may require different levels of certification, such as lifeguards or water safety instructors, so we work with the interested applicants to get them certified before the beginning of the season," said Dawson.

"As a lifeguard you have an opportunity to provide a safe place for thousands of children and their families, and for many of these kids going to the pool is the highlight of their entire summer," said Dawson. "If you enjoy the water park or pools, but don't want to be a lifeguard, we have positions available in our concession stand selling food or working as cashiers."

Applications for summer employment are available at the City's Human Resource office in the Municipal Building (2 North Main Street, Suite 209). They are also available online from the City's website: www.templetx.gov/jobs

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